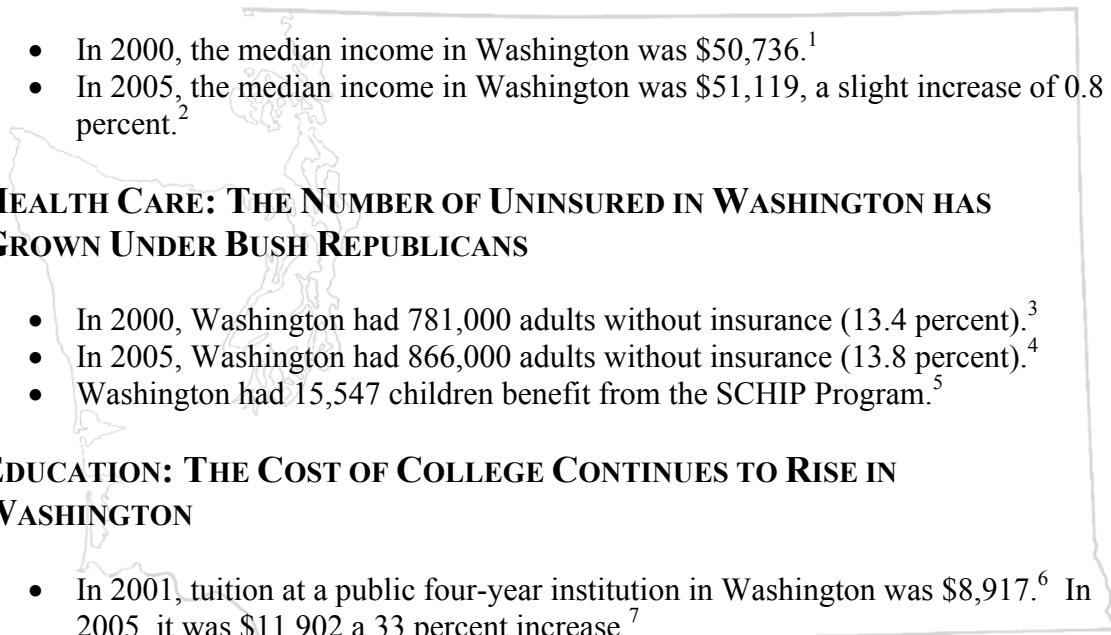


WASHINGTONIANS ARE READY FOR A NEW DIRECTION

Under the leadership of President Bush and his Republican allies in Congress, life has become more difficult for Washingtonians. Here are some of the ways that life has become less affordable and secure in Washington. Democrats are working for real security, better jobs, college access for all, energy independence, affordable health care, and retirement security. It's time for a new direction in Washington.

INCOME: WASHINGTONIANS ARE BARELY EARNING MORE TODAY THAN THEY WERE FIVE YEARS AGO

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- In 2000, the median income in Washington was \$50,736.¹
 - In 2005, the median income in Washington was \$51,119, a slight increase of 0.8 percent.²

HEALTH CARE: THE NUMBER OF UNINSURED IN WASHINGTON HAS GROWN UNDER BUSH REPUBLICANS

- In 2000, Washington had 781,000 adults without insurance (13.4 percent).³
- In 2005, Washington had 866,000 adults without insurance (13.8 percent).⁴
- Washington had 15,547 children benefit from the SCHIP Program.⁵

EDUCATION: THE COST OF COLLEGE CONTINUES TO RISE IN WASHINGTON

- In 2001, tuition at a public four-year institution in Washington was \$8,917.⁶ In 2005, it was \$11,902 a 33 percent increase.⁷
- In 2001, tuition at a private four-year institution in Washington was \$21,510.⁸ In 2005, it was \$26,021, a 21 percent increase.⁹
- Number of Washingtonians affected by the lapse of the College Tuition Tax Deduction – 95,236¹⁰
- Number of Washingtonians affected by the lapse of the Educator Expenses Tax Deduction – 62,849¹¹

GAS PRICES: THE HIGH COST OF GAS CONTINUES TO BE A BURDEN FOR WASHINGTON RESIDENTS

- In 2001, the average cost of gas in Washington was \$1.469 a gallon.¹²
- Today the average cost of gas in Washington is \$2.769 a gallon.¹³
- In 2001, the average annual cost of gas for a household in Washington was \$1,886.¹⁴
- Today the average annual cost of gas for a household in Washington is \$3,556, \$1,169 (88.5 percent) more than it was in 2001.¹⁵

SOCIAL SECURITY: WASHINGTONIANS DON'T WANT AN END TO SOCIAL SECURITY

- Number of Social Security Beneficiaries in Washington – 913,040¹⁶
- Average Monthly Benefit per Beneficiary in Washington – \$917¹⁷

IRAQ, TROOPS AND VETERANS: WASHINGTONIANS ON THE FRONT LINES

- Number of Washingtonians killed in Iraq – 51¹⁸
- Number of Washingtonians wounded in Iraq – 598¹⁹
- Number of Washingtonians killed in Afghanistan – 7²⁰
- Number of Washingtonians wounded in Afghanistan – 13²¹
- Number of Veterans in Washington – 632,929²²

REPUBLICANS CONTINUE TO PUSH FOR GIVEAWAYS FOR A WEALTHY MINORITY WHILE IGNORING WASHINGTON'S MINIMUM WAGE WORKERS

- Only 493 estates in Washington paid an Estate Tax in 2004.²³
- Only 100 estates in Washington will benefit from the Estate Tax cut in 2009.²⁴

CRIME: FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY POLICING DISAPPEARING

- Amount of COPS Funding Dispersed in 2002 – 12,253,765²⁵
- Amount of COPS Funding Dispersed in 2006 – 6,742,489²⁶

TAX CUTS: BUSH TAX POLICIES BENEFIT THE WEALTHIEST WASHINGTONIANS

The Bush tax cuts have overwhelmingly benefited the wealthiest Washingtonians.

- In 2001, the richest one percent of Washington residents each received an average of 4,607 in tax cuts, while middle class Washington residents received only \$420.²⁷
- In 2006, the richest one percent of Washington residents will receive an average of \$66,070 in tax cuts, while middle class Washington residents will only receive \$791.²⁸
- In 2010, under the Bush tax plan, the richest one percent of Washington residents will each receive an average of \$116,004 in tax cuts, while middle class Washington residents will only receive \$914.²⁹

The richest Washingtonians receive an ever-growing share of the Bush tax cut.

- In 2001, the richest Washingtonians received 10.0 percent of the Bush tax cut, while the middle class received 18.3 percent of the tax cut.³⁰
- But, in 2006, the richest Washingtonians will get 36.5 percent of the Bush tax cut, while the middle class will get 8.7 percent of the tax cut.³¹
- And, in 2010, the richest Washingtonians will get 52.5 percent of the Bush tax cut, while the middle class will get 8.2 percent of the tax cut.³²

Bush capital gains and dividend tax cuts overwhelmingly benefit the wealthiest Washingtonians.

- In 2010, the richest Washingtonians will receive an average of \$10,194 from the Bush capital gains and dividend tax cuts. That means the richest Washingtonians will be getting over 44.1 percent of all of the tax cut benefit.³³
- In contrast, in 2010, middle class Washingtonians will receive an average of \$75 from the Bush capital gains and dividend tax cuts. That's just 6.5 percent of the benefit going to the middle class.³⁴

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